

# CLINCH VALLEY NEWS.

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## Spring Merchandise

We are now receiving our first consignment of Spring Merchandise and can show some beautiful fabrics in

The Styles are all New not an old number in the lot.

### LADIES WAIST AND SUIT GOODS.

Ladies Belts, Neckwear and Gloves are also ready to be seen.

We are going to try to make this a very interesting season for our customers.

**Harrison and Gillespie Bros.,**  
The Big Store.

## The Tazewell Supply Company

A Brief History of This Prosperous Mercantile Establishment—Cuts of Buildings, Etc.

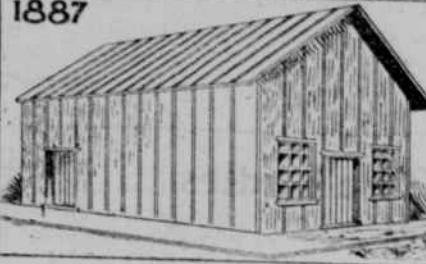
THE Tazewell Supply Company, of North Tazewell, whose spacious building is shown in the accompanying cut, is composed of H. G. Peery and his brother, J. Arthur Peery, whose cuts also appear in this issue.

They are sons of Capt. James S. Peery, one of Tazewell's leading citizens, a prosperous farmer and merchant. These young men, with a number of brothers and sisters, were born and reared near this town—all of whom hold honorable and lucrative positions in society and business.

H. G. Peery, the senior member of the Tazewell Supply Company, is the oldest living member of his family. He was educated in the schools of this town and county, and entered business

Peery is indebted, more than to any individual, outside his own family, for valuable assistance in many ways, in getting a start in the business world.

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and to whose timely advice and help he attributes much of the success which has come to him in recent years.

This co-partnership continued for

In the year 1897, seven years ago, the Tazewell Supply Company was organized, Mr. Peery taking into co-partnership his younger brother, J. Arthur Peery, and they have prospered from the beginning, and at this time are doing, perhaps the largest business of any single store in the entire community.

The distance from the little shack of 1887 to the large, imposing building of 1903, was not cleared by one single bound, but by long and persistent effort, through years of hard work.

This development has come by degrees. Several times the building has been enlarged to make room for handling and accommodating a growing trade.

The improvements and additions made to the building last year brought it to its present proportions, as shown in our cut, and we understand that other additions and improvements are already under contemplation.

The building, together with the warehouse, contains 24,000 square feet of floor space. It is three and one half stories high. An elevator runs from the basement to the upper story.

The first floor is occupied by a well selected and large, full line of groceries and hardware, the private office and

## Within Reach.

Some times its hard to get dollars and after you have them you want them to go as far as they will. We want to help you scheme to get the greatest value for what you spend. Our plan insures satisfaction in the buying. You can get cash worth here in exchange for your money.

50 pair of ladies shoes, mostly buttons; size 2 1/2 to 5, worth from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per pair. Must go now at from 75c to \$1.50 per pair. So pair of men's and boy's at less than cost.

**J. H. WHITLEY & SON,**  
North Tazewell.

cart to a 4-horse wagon, from a spoon to a fine china tea set, from a pocket handkerchief to a complete suit of clothing for all sizes, sexes and ages, books, pictures, sofas, trunks, valises, carpets, rugs, furniture—everything and anything—in almost endless variety—that anyone can ever need in house-keeping or on the farm.

Goods are packed everywhere, and are continually coming, in and of course

friend of every customer by fair, square dealing and courteous treatment.

Good goods at a living profit, liberal and progressive methods, impartial, honest dealing is winning for this store an enviable reputation and gratifying success in their community.

In closing this brief sketch we desire to commend this firm to the support of the public—those who have not traded with them heretofore. To those who have no commendation is necessary.

After an experience with this house, covering a period of several years, we can most heartily say, that we have always found them straight forward, up-to-date and honest in all their dealings.

No man or firm can hope to attain anything like permanent success in any business whose dealings and purposes are not honest, or whose methods are not liberal and progressive. The public will, in time, detect sinister motives and crooked dealings, however well concealed. Business ability, combined with business integrity, prudence and industry will win out, and not be always about it. The Tazewell Supply Company will continue to grow with accelerated rapidity.

### Pocahontas.

Pocahontas, Va., Feb. 24.—Mrs. J. Morgan, of Simmons, spent Sunday with Mrs. Voight, on Water St.

Mr. E. L. Carter has assigned his position with the Inn, and will on March 1st open the Adolph Hotel at Key-

### Dropped Dead in Thompson Valley.

Thompson Valley, Va., Feb. 22.—It seems that the people of this section are having their share of bad weather this season, it being nearly three months since the snow was entirely off the ground.

On account of the inclemency of the weather Rev. Mr. Hanrahan did not fill his regular appointment at Pleasant Hill Sunday evening.

Our next Quarterly Meeting embraces the 24th and 25th of this month, at this place. It is hoped that the weather will be fine and the attendance large.

Last Sunday morning a shed standing near the cattle scales on the farm of the late G. O. Thompson was burned to the ground. The fire was under such headway when discovered, that that nothing could be done to save the building. It contained a new threshing machine, an engine, owned by Messrs. Archie and Dan Thompson, also a new buggy belonging to Mr. Van Dyke. There being no insurance, the losing parties have the sympathy of the community.

On the same night of the fire, the store near Barrett's shop was robbed, and Mr. Baue, the manager, reports the loss of several dollars worth of goods. No clue has been found thus far, as to the offenders.

The community was shocked the 13 of this month, by the death of Mr. J. Pruitt. He was as well as usual and was carrying in wood when he fell on the porch dead. He was buried on Monday at Pleasant Hill grave yard. Mr. Pruitt was living with his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Johnston.

Mr. Curtis Gibson, who was hurt by a fall some time ago, is getting some better but is not able to work yet.

Miss Cleo Thompson is visiting friends and relatives in Bristol, this week.

Mrs. Mary Brown, of the Cove, is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. W. T. Thompson.

Mrs. Viole Claytor and children have been spending a few days with Mrs. Claytor's mother, Mrs. A. J. Larimer.

Miss Rebecca Claytor was the guest of Mrs. W. T. Thompson, one day this week.

Mrs. A. J. Larimer and her daughters, Mrs. Viole Claytor, Mrs. Milton Thompson and Miss Mary Larimer, were visiting at Mr. Claytor's last Saturday.

### One Baby Too Much.

In our Pocahontas correspondence last week the statement was made that two baby girls had arrived at the home of that popular young lawyer, Mr. W. Morris.

It was a mistake. There is only one. The only trouble about it is, that Mr. Morris is having to explain what became of the other one.

We gladly explain, and hope to relieve the young attorney of future embarrassment. We feel sure that the good parents think that one is enough for the present. We cannot, however, have too many of the kind and stock of this new baby. The world needs many more. There is need for them and a place for them.

### Steelsburg.

Mr. Editor:—As every one has been sent at this place for some time, thought I would let you hear from us. Mr. William Ferrell, who has been on the sick list for some time, is not much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Alta Ferrell and babies are visiting homefolks at Richlands this week.

Mr. Henry Duff and James Ferguson, insurance agents, of Belfast, visited our place last Thursday.

The new store at Wardell is again filled with goods, and Mr. Steele, of Rosedale, is the new clerk.

The farmers have begun plowing and it makes us think spring is near.

Mr. Sam. Steele, of Greenbrier Co., is visiting homefolks this week.

### Bluestone Shaken Up.

Bluestone, Va., Feb. 22.—Bluestone heeded a good shaking up, and I think it came very near getting it Saturday night.

Mrs. Nettie Trogdon, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nannie McDowell, at Blountville, is coming back soon. We will be glad to see her smiling face again.

Almost every one on Bluestone was remembered St. Valentine's day. I think, though, that it was just two or three that remembered us all.

J. H. Summers says he is going to plant corn pretty soon.

Misses Alma Reynolds and Laura Taber were visiting the city of Graham on St. Valentine's day.

The Bluestone Public School will close the fourth of March. We have had a good school. Many thanks to



H. G. PEERY.

Misses Mary Ritter and Julia Benbow.

If a Rural Free Delivery route is established here, Bluestone will be a few more inches inside the world.

The Bluestone Telephone line is a "howling" success. It is one more improvement to the community.

There! I see the waste basket ready to swallow me, and I do not want to strangle it, I will close. Success to the News.

A Reader.

### Real Estate Sales in Thompson Valley.

The many friends of Mr. William Buchanan are glad to see him out again after several week's sickness.

Wade Correll, of Giles county, has been visiting friends and relatives in this community for several days recently.

Mr. Joseph Cregar's fine Roller Mill is about ready to go into operation. Several hands have been at work on this mill ever since early in the fall. It is said that it is fitted with the latest and best patented machinery. Such a mill is a credit to any community, and should be patronized. Mr. Cregar is a good citizen, and one who never does things by halves.

Rev. Mr. Hanrahan filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday morning. The sermon was a fine one, being prepared especially for the youth of the community.

As was announced in last week's News, Mr. George Surface has recently purchased the two fine farms of Mr. J. E. Buchanan, of this place. We are informed that the prices were \$12,000 for the home place and \$6,000 for the mountain place. While I do not give these figures as correct, Mr. Buchanan must have got a good price, as both of the farms are fine ones.

Mr. Nott Buchanan and Vester Brooks bought the Jake Cornwell land last week. I have not been able to learn what the price paid.

William Buchanan has bought Mr. S. B. Thompson's fine mountain farm. The price paid for was \$50.00 per acre. There is about 140 acres in the tract.

early in life, and by his indomitable will and energy, combined with fine business ability, has fought his way up. He was one of the pioneer settlers and merchants of the now thriving little city of North Tazewell, commencing business there in the year 1887, in the small building shown in the cut on this page.

At this time the Clinch Valley Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway was under construction, and Mr. Peery, as a member of the firm of Peery and Higginbotham, conducted a general store, chiefly supplying the railroad people.

The late J. B. Higginbotham, father, of A. S. and A. J. Higginbotham, two of our most popular young citizens, the former a lawyer and the latter a stock raiser and farmer, was the senior member of this firm, and to whom Mr.

several years, the firm carrying a general line, and doing a prosperous business.

At this time North Tazewell was known as Kelly, and the site upon which the present town stands was owned almost entirely by Capt. C. A. Fudge, who still lives there and owns a valuable blue grass farm adjoining the town, besides valuable property within the corporate limits, retained by him after selling off a large number of town lots for building purposes.

Along about this time Mr. Peery formed a co-partnership in business with Capt. Fudge and others, and a still more important partnership with Capt. Fudge's accomplished daughter, Miss Clair, to whom he was married, which he considers the best days work of his life.

desks of the stenographer and book-keeper.

On the second floor will be found the dry goods department and sample furniture. The third floor is packed with furniture, and a general line of house furnishing goods.

Disconnected from the main building, and in the rear, are three large ware rooms, in which are stored salt, flour, hay, fertilizers, cement, wagons, plows, etc., etc.

The entire stock is complete in all and every part—veritable department store and a wholesale house, all in one.

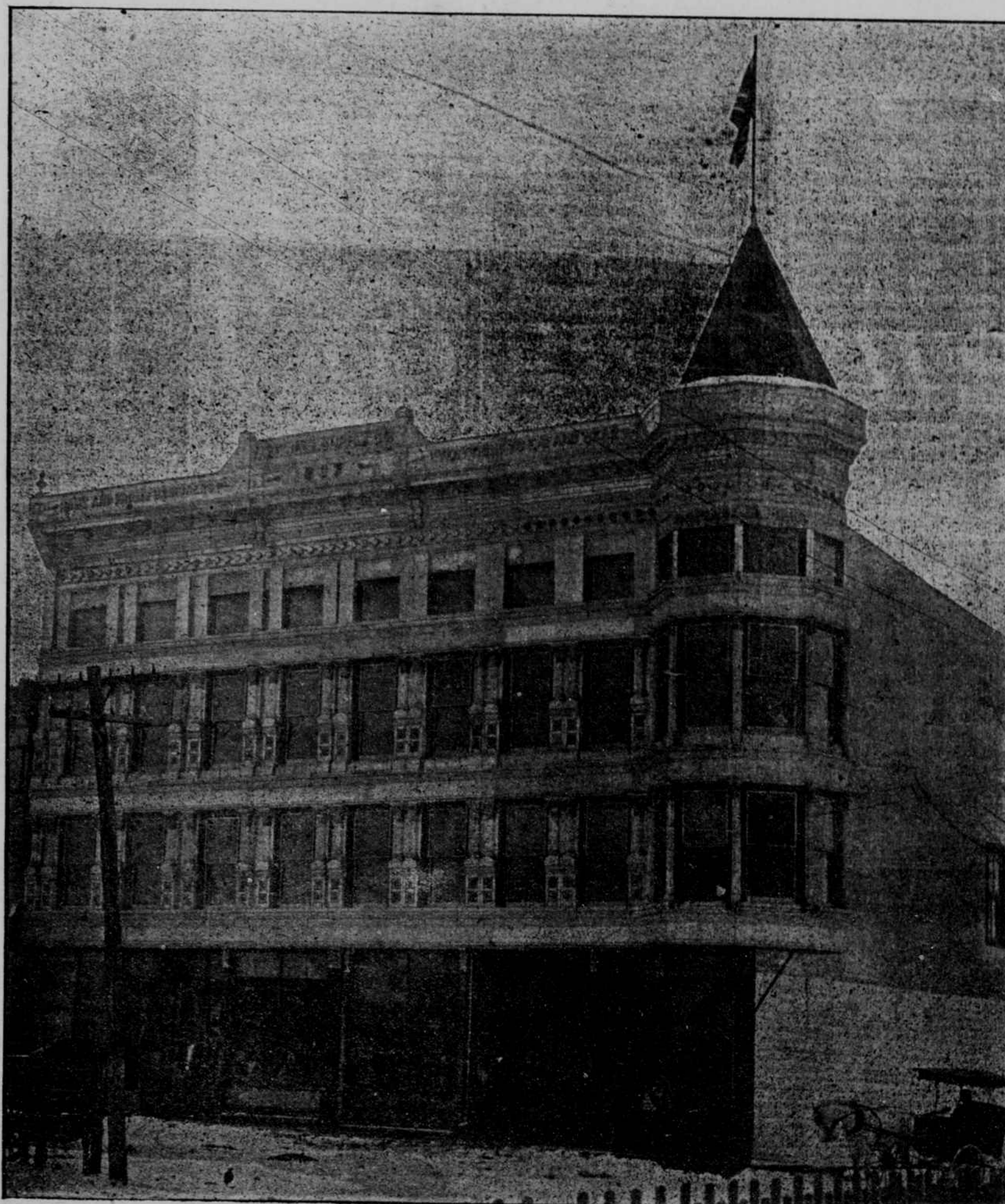
Here will be found anything and everything for the house and farm except threshing machines—there is no room for these—but everything else is there, from a pin to a plow, from a toy

continually going out.

That they enjoy a large trade is not at all surprising. They sell goods in widely separated districts of the country. The Company buys in large quantities, and hence at the lowest figures, and sold at prices within reach of all purses. Large sales and small profits seems to be the motto of the Company, and it is said that many of their goods are sold below prices often paid by other merchants for the same goods, and still sold at a profit.

In fact, such a stock of goods as is carried by this Company, in a small town, is a surprise and wonder to anyone who looks through the store for the first time.

The large success of these young men is due largely to their wise, business policy. They try to make a



TAZEWELL SUPPLY COMPANY'S BUILDING.



J. ARTHUR PEERY.

stone, W. Va.

Mrs. J. Floyd Black is ill this week. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Peck, of Wytheville, are at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lewis leave March 1st for Pa., where Mr. Lewis has accepted a position with Mr. A. J. King, who was superintendent for several years for the Collieries Co. here.

Miss Sadie Beach is expected home this week from Cincinnati, where she spent the winter.

Dr. L. E. Ward is in Lynchburg this week on business.

Mr. G. M. Hawke is indisposed this week.

Rev. B. N. Mead visited Poca this week.

Rev. Samuel Williams Moore leaves on Monday for three months trip to Jerusalem, to attend the World's Sunday School Convention. During his stay Rev. Mr. Moblin will fill his charge here.

The Woman's Club met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Parker Buckwalter. Shakespear was the subject discussed. Miss Austin read a paper, also Mrs. Bloch.

Officers and members present were: Mrs. John P. Hall, President; Miss B. Cox, Secy; Members: Messrs. Buckwalter, Beach, Ward, Galway, Gieson, Hawke, Zimmerman, Leckie, Lawford, Bloch, Young, Landon, Keller, Lewis, Misses Cameron W. Browning, Mary and Louise Phelps, Young, Mabel and Ray Beach, Austin.

### The Legislature.

A Bill has been recently offered in the Legislature to give conductors power to exclude negroes and any objectionable persons from Pullman sleepers and dining cars.

To allow justices to take depositions in divorce proceedings.

To re-establish the whipping post for thieves who steal as much as \$5 and under.

To punish persons carrying concealed weapons by confinement in jail.

To require School Boards to publish annual statements of receipts and disbursements.